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AM Showers/Wind
High: 54, Low: 28



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Mostly Sunny
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Students, campus grow at Firelands

By **Kyle Reynolds**
Reporter

When pursuing a degree from the University, students have many options, including some that never require them to take a step onto the main campus.

BGSU's Firelands campus now offers nine bachelor's degrees in areas such as business administration, nursing, criminal justice and visual communication technology.

Jim Smith, dean of Firelands from 2001 to 2007 and current vice president of economic development on the main campus, attributes the increase in bachelor's degree programs to Fireland's higher enrollment.

The Firelands campus obtained its highest enrollment in its almost 40-year history in 2007, with 2,065 students, according to Office of Admissions records. In the same period, enrollment at the main campus dropped to its lowest numbers since 2003 with a headcount of 18,619.

Firelands is becoming a more popular option for students, Smith said, because tuition for a full-time student and Ohio resident at Firelands is \$2,106 compared to \$4,373 for tuition at main campus.

"Cost is a big issue," Smith said. "When I was there we invested heavily in marketing and advertising Firelands as a BG degree at a reasonable cost."

Tony Fries, 20-year-old first-year student at Firelands, plans to eventually attend BGSU's main campus but is getting his general classes out of the way at Firelands to avoid paying main

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USG BRIEF

The winners of last week's Undergraduate Student Government election will be announced today.

The winning candidates for president and

vice president will be announced at 2:30 p.m. in the Union Falcon's Nest.

The announcement had initially been planned for yesterday but was postponed.

BG Undead brings case and petition to USG

By **Kristen Vasas**
Reporter

The on-campus game Humans vs. Zombies has become synonymous with bright-colored Nerf blasters carried by participants. But tomorrow, the students involved in the game will be using clean, rolled-up socks and marshmallows instead of blasters.

At last night's Undergraduate Student Government general assembly meeting, the issues surrounding BG Undead, the organization that hosts Humans vs. Zombies, was brought to the attention of undergraduate senators.

Junior Steve Currie, a member of BG Undead and active player of the game, brought a petition filled with somewhere between 950 and 1,050 signatures to the meeting in an effort to gain USG support concerning student safety and the issues surrounding the Nerf blasters.

"BG Undead works very closely with the campus police and the University administration in order to ensure student safety," Currie said. "However, concerns have been brought to the attention of the group that address whether or not the blasters pose a safety concern."

According to Currie, administrative members of BG Undead met with University officials twice in the past month concerning the use of the Nerf blasters and their image on campus.



Jill Carr
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

After meeting with administration nearly two weeks ago, members of the group reported that administration had issued a ban on the Nerf blasters for spring semester, Currie said.

But according to Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jill Carr, at no time has anyone in the Office of Student Affairs banned the use of Nerf blasters.

At the administrative meetings with BG Undead, the president of the organization offered to change to socks and marshmallows after discussing the issue with the administration, Carr said.

USG Adviser and Associate Dean of Students Jeff Coats also noted that after the administration expressed concerns about public safety and the use of the blasters, BG Undead members agreed to use alternative methods in their upcoming game.

"We've bent over backwards in order to make sure that people are safe on this campus," Currie said, "but this is something the membership cannot accept."

For Senator Leo Almeida, the

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Ohio Board of Regents releases plan for state's universities, colleges

THE BG NEWS

The Ohio Board of Regents released its Strategic Plan for Higher Education yesterday, which outlines the state's educational goals for the next 10 years.

With the new plan, the state hopes to make a high-quality education affordable to all Ohioans, which could eventually help boost the Ohio economy.

"This report builds upon the principles I put forth last year in creating the University System of Ohio," Gov. Ted Strickland said in a press release. "This 10-year plan for Ohio's institutions of higher education will ensure not only that we dramatically expand educational opportunities for Ohioans but that we do so in a way that makes our state a world-class economic competitor."

The University is in the process of developing its own master plan to correspond with the state's.

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Some of the main changes outlined in the plan are:

- Bowling Green will be one of 13 public universities in the University System of Ohio created by Gov. Ted Strickland last August. The university system also includes 23 community colleges across the state. In 2009, the system will grow to include adult career centers and adult basic and literacy programs.
- The state will also work to set clear achievement standards for high school students before they enter the University System of Ohio, which include earning ACT scores of 18 or higher in English and 22 or higher in algebra.
- Ohio schools will also work with businesses in Ohio to place more students in internships and co-ops and to make sure educational outcomes are in line with the needs of Ohio businesses.
- The state will work to provide more money for students, bringing the amount of state support per full-time student up to the national average within the next 10 years. Ohio currently ranks 39th in the amount of support for students.
- Ohio public universities will also work with private institutions to help increase educational and economic levels across the state. The state will do this by continuing to provide research grants to private institutions and by increasing the ease of credit transfer between institutions and from semester to non-semester systems.
- The University System of Ohio will create accountability measures to track the state's progress toward meeting these goals. By the end of the year, each institution will submit a document to the chancellor indicating how they will contribute to meeting the system-wide accountability measures.
- Each of the 13 universities in the system will have a distinct mission designed to develop nationally recognized Centers of Excellence, their strongest program areas. The boards of trustees at each university will submit their proposed Centers of Excellence to the state chancellor at the end of 2008.
- The Board of Regents' plan also calls for improvements to community college programs across the state, including creating a network of integrated courses across the state, making associate of arts and science degrees available at all community colleges, and allowing dual enrollment in community college and a university to help bridge the gap between 2-year and 4-year institutions.
- It is also a goal to make the average out-of-pocket cost for undergraduate students in Ohio among the lowest in the nation by 2017.

Bush administration unveils plan to overhaul financial regulation

By **Martin Crutsinger**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration yesterday proposed the most far-ranging overhaul of the financial regulatory system since the stock market crash of 1929 and the ensuing Great Depression.

The plan would change how the government regulates thousands of businesses from the nation's biggest banks and investment houses down to the local insurance agent and mortgage broker.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson unveiled the 218-page plan in a speech in Treasury's ornate Cash Room, declaring, "A strong financial system is vitally important — not for Wall Street, not for bankers, but for working Americans."

The administration's plan drew criticism, however, from Democrats who said it did not go far enough to deal with abuses in mortgage lending and securities trading that were exposed by the current credit crisis. Some state officials criticized what they saw as unwanted federal intrusion on their turf.

Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin blasted Paulson's approach as "a disastrous backward step that would put the investor in jeopardy" because it would pre-empt state regulation of securities and insurance.

The administration said that it planned to work with Congress to have constructive conversations, but officials would not predict when any aspects of the proposal could be enacted into law.

Asked if Bush's goal was to get the overhaul approved before



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE / AP PHOTO

WE'VE GOT SOME PLANS: Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson announces the biggest overhaul of financial regulation since the Great Depression yesterday.

The Bush administration's plan to overhaul financial regulation would:

- Expand the role of the President's Working Group on Financial Markets to include the entire financial sector rather than just financial markets.
- Create a federal commission, the Mortgage Origination Commission, to develop uniform, minimum licensing standards for mortgage market participants.
- Close the Office of Thrift Supervision, which regulates thrift institutions, and move those functions to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which regulates banks.
- Merge the functions of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission into the Securities and Exchange Commission to create one agency to provide unified oversight of the futures and securities industries.
- Establish an Office of National Insurance within the Treasury Department to regulate those in the insurance industry who want to operate under an optional federal charter.
- Work to establish as a long-term goal three major regulators: the Federal Reserve as a "market stability regulator"; a "prudential financial regulator" to take over the functions of five separate banking regulators; and a "business conduct regulator" to regulate business conduct and consumer protection.

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BLOTTER SUNDAY

1:48 P.M.
A catalytic converter was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on South Main Street.

3:28 P.M.
A male subject was turned away from the Cinemark Theater in the Woodland Mall on North Main Street because his odor was offending other customers. Police said the man became belligerent with the theater staff and is no longer welcome.

5:23 P.M.
A vehicle parked on Campbell Hill Road was reported broken into, and a purse, wallet, wristlet, iPod and debit card were reported stolen.

8:21 P.M.
Emily L. Ferrante, 19, of Columbus, was cited for prohibited acts for using a fake ID at Uptown/Downtown Bar on North Main Street.

9:59 P.M.
A purse was reported stolen from Uptown Bar on North Main Street.

MONDAY

1:41 A.M.
Benjamin S. Nelson, 32, of Galloway, Ohio, was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

1:42 A.M.
Andrew J. Snyder, 20, of Bowling Green, and Cody J. Starr, 18, of Portage, Ohio, were arrested for underage possession of alcohol. Snyder was also arrested for drug abuse of marijuana.

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"[The University is going to] read it carefully and then incorporate the suggestions," President Sidney Ribeau said.

Ribeau said his primary concern is how the University will fund any changes sparked by the state's plan.

"The major thing in these 146 pages for me is, how do you fund all this?" he said.

The state has already offered some help.

Ribeau said because Strickland has recognized the importance of education

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Sidney Ribeau | BGSU President

to the state, higher education has been offered some level of protection.

"The governor has said that because higher education is a priority, there will not be any mid-year cuts," Ribeau said.

How the University incorporates the master plan will be determined by how much funding is available.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



BERNARDO AGUIAR | THE BG NEWS

JUST PITCHING: Jacob Sparks and Hong Lee throw a baseball around.

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he leaves office, presidential press secretary Dana Perino told reporters aboard Air Force One, "We'll have to see. It is a big attempt."

The plan, which would require congressional approval for its biggest changes, seeks to trim a hodge-podge collection of overlapping jurisdictions that date back to the Civil War. It would give the Federal Reserve more power to protect the stability of the entire financial system while merging day-to-day bank supervision into one agency, down from five at present.

It also would create one super agency in charge of business conduct and consumer protection, performing many of the functions of the current Securities and Exchange Commission.

It would propose eliminating the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, merging their functions into other agencies.

The head of the commodity trading commission raised concerns about the plan. CFTC Acting Chairman Walt Lukken said merging the Securities and Exchange Commission and his agency could end up making "the U.S. futures industry less competitive globally" unless differences in

"I do not believe it is fair or accurate to blame our regulatory structure for the current market turmoil. I am not suggesting that more regulation is the answer ..."

Henry Paulson | Treasury Secretary

the laws governing the sales of securities and futures contracts were resolved.

The Paulson plan It would ask Congress to establish a federal Mortgage Origination Commission to set recommended minimum licensing standards for mortgage brokers, many of whom now operate outside of federal regulation, and it would also take a first step toward federal regulation of the insurance industry by asking Congress to establish an Office of Insurance Oversight inside the Treasury Department.

Paulson acknowledged in his remarks that most of the changes will not occur until after a lengthy debate in Congress, leaving it to the next administration to deal with the biggest changes proposed by the report. He also said the Bush administration's focus would remain on getting through the current severe credit crisis, which has roiled financial markets since last August.

Paulson rejected Democratic charges that it was lax regulation of mortgage brokers and the financial industry that had

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campus' tuition.

"I save a lot of money by going to Firelands," Fries said. "The tuition is much lower, and I'm able to work."

Fries works 40 hours a week in a factory near his hometown of Norwalk, Ohio on top of taking classes in order to pay for his schooling.

Firelands also has a student body that consists of more non-traditional students.

Lovey A. Leavell is one of these non-traditional students at Firelands.

The 68 year-old is a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and is the student affairs chair for the Firelands Student Government.

She expects to graduate in May 2010 and post-graduation she plans on pursuing a master's degree or attending law school.

"Being a non-traditional student, I've set my goals rather high," Leavell said.

Firelands has a larger percentage of traditional students who come there right out of high school then before, said Lesley Ruszkowski, director of marketing and communication at Firelands.

"We shifted from about a

fifty-fifty split between traditional and non-traditional students to 65 percent traditional and 35 percent non-traditional," Ruszkowski said.

Dan Blystone, 20-year-old fourth-year student, has been attending Firelands since he was a junior in high school through a post-secondary program.

He said after graduating from Firelands that he may enroll at another University.

Blystone has met many friends at Firelands even though it is a commuter school.

"I've made a lot of friends here, and there are student groups here," Blystone said. "There are a lot of science groups here."

Even though Firelands is a commuter campus they are still plenty of student organizations, such as the Intramural Club, Model United Nations, Young Democratic Socialists, Young Republicans, Campus Fellowship and clubs related to different majors offered, said Ruszkowski.

There are many activities for students, but a lot of students at Firelands are busy with other things, Leavell said.

"There are lots of things for students who want to be involved," Leavall said, "but there are a lot of students here who work full-time jobs, and there are a lot of non-traditional students."

Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, which represents more than 650 securities firms, banks and asset managers, praised the overhaul proposal and said there was widespread agreement on the need for modernization in an era "where billions of dollars race across the globe with the click of a mouse."

Frank Keating, president of the American Council of Life Insurers, praised the insurance proposals but Dan Mica, president of the Credit Union National Association, said his organization was "astonished and angered" by the plan to abolish a separate federal regulator for credit unions. He said this move would "essentially turn credit unions into banks."

In Congress, House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, who is working on his own regulatory revamp, called Paulson's proposal a "constructive step forward" but said it wouldn't give the Federal Reserve enough authority to carry out its expanded job to police the stability of the entire financial system.

Many Democrats said that Congress' first priority should be to deal with the current mortgage crisis that is threatening millions of Americans with the loss of their homes and that an extensive debate on a regulatory overhaul should not occur until a new president is in office next year.

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idea of taking away something that unites a number of students on campus is an action that will not work to benefit the community in any way.

"I can understand the administration's concerns based on Virginia Tech," he said. "But to be honest, I'd rather have them shooting fake guns rather than real ones."

But Senator Liesl Dye noted that many of the touring parents and students don't realize that the blasters are fake.

"As a tour guide, I have had parent concerns brought to me about the game and the students who play it," Dye said. "We have to remember that as students we represent the University, and although it doesn't mean to, this game doesn't always reflect positively."

And though Vice President Nick Gamero recognizes that not everyone is going to view Humans vs. Zombies in a favorable light, he was quick to note that the amount of time and energy put into creating and distributing the petition can't go unnoticed.

"When people are pushing for change and wanting to do something even as perceptionally small as signing a petition, it reminds me why I've dedicated my life to BGSU students this year," he said. "That type of effort is commendable."

This meeting was the last one held under the current president and vice president.

CITY BRIEF

Police, sheriffs arrest three after standoff

The Wood County Special Response Team, a task force used to diffuse high risk situations, was called upon Sunday morning to serve a search warrant at a North Enterprise residence. Three arrests were made. Police said there were several events leading up to the arrests.

Sunday 4:33 a.m.

A female reported her vehicle parked on North Enterprise was broken into through the sunroof and her purse stolen.

7:15 a.m.

A large fight was reported at North Enterprise and Ridge Streets. Police said three males from a 320 N. Enterprise St. broke into a nearby Ridge Street house, assaulted two males, and fled to the North Enterprise Street house and locked themselves in. Police said the three subjects believed the victims had broken into the vehicle earlier that morning.

9:55 a.m.

After the subjects in the North Enterprise Street house refused to cooperate, police said a search warrant was obtained and the Wood County Special Response Team surrounded the house and forced entry. Matthew J. Calhoun, 24, of Findlay, Ohio, was arrested for assault and burglary. Calvin L. Brock, 24, of Toledo was arrested for complicity to assault and burglary. Jermaine B. Nixes, 23, of Bowling Green, was arrested for assault, obstructing official business and burglary.

Clinton: Obama, allies want to stop states from voting

By Beth Fouhy
The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accused rival Sen. Barack Obama and his allies of trying to stop people from voting as some of his backers have called on her to drop out of the presidential race.

The Obama campaign rejected the charge, dismissing Clinton's criticism as "completely laughable."

In a series of television interviews in states holding upcoming contests, Clinton vowed to press on with her campaign and suggested Obama and his supporters wanted to keep those states from playing a role in selecting the party's presidential nominee.

"My take on it is a lot of Senator Obama's supporters want to end this race because they don't want people to keep voting," she told CBS affiliate KTVQ in Billings, Mont. "That's just the opposite of what I believe. We want people to vote. I want the people of Montana to vote, don't you?"

Montana holds its primary June 3. The New York senator made similar comments in interviews with stations in Indiana and North Carolina, which hold primaries May 6.

Obama leads the overall race for the Democratic nomination with 1,631 delegates, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as super-delegates. He got the backing of Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar yesterday. Clinton has 1,501.

ATTENTION SPRING GRADUATES!

Grad Fair

Bowling Green State University

Multi-Purpose Room
Bowen-Thompson Student Union

Tuesday, April 8, 2008
10:00 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2008
10:00 am-5:00 pm

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Students, locals raise awareness of sexual assault

By Becky Tener
Reporter

Starting today, Bowling Green State University might not be so orange and brown. Thanks to April's National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, you might see some teal too.

This year, the Sexual Assault Information Network, Men Educating Men on the Prevention of Sexual Assault and Wood County Victims Services are teaming up to create a campus and community-wide campaign to inform students and locals about sexual assault risks and prevention.

Zabrina Andres, graduate assistant adviser for SAIN and MEMPSA, said this is the first time the organizations have planned a full month of events to raise awareness.

"We want to educate campus and city members about what sexual assault is and how they can be aware of the resources out there," she said.

Junior Clare Strange, a volunteer for Wood County Victims Services, said she has met

"We want people to have a clear definition of what sexual assault is."

Jessica Kayse | Senior

many victims of sexual assault through her work at the office's crisis hotline.

But most cases go unreported because victims are unaware of their resources, she said.

Strange said she hopes this month's activities will inspire discussion and help prevent sexual assaults.

"Just because BG is a small place doesn't mean things don't happen," Strange said.

Senior SAIN member Jessica Kayse said the month is filled with events that provide people with information through visual and interactive displays such as decorations featuring sexual assault statistics and awareness ribbons in the Union oval.

She is also excited for former Northeastern University

quarterback Byron Hurt to come at the end of the month to present "Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes," a film about gender violence prevention and the different aspects of sexual assault.

Kayse said sexual assault can come in many different forms, and most men and women don't know that they have been sexually assaulted.

"We want people to have a clear definition of what sexual assault is," she said.

A key to preventing sexual assault is consent between partners, Kayse said. That's why Sexual Assault Awareness Month T-shirts say, "Consent is Sexy. Did you ask?"

SAIN, MEMPSA and Wood County Victim's Service have planned a variety of different events to appeal to as many people as possible, Andres said. She hopes students and community members will take advantage of the opportunities and information offered this month.

"We encourage people to get involved and ask questions," Andres said.

Schedule of Sexual Assault Awareness Month events

Tuesday, April 1st- Wednesday, April 30th
1 IN 4 CAMPAIGN
In various residence halls

Life-size black silhouettes that represent the statistic that 1 in 4 women will be victims of rape or attempted rape in their four years of college.

Tuesday, April 1st- Wednesday, April 30th
SAAM WOOD COUNTY LIBRARY EXHIBIT
At Wood County District Public Library

An exhibit of multiple displays providing the community with information about sexual violence.

Friday, April 11th, 2008
CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
Education Lawn

Is a visual representation of T-shirts that bear witness to violence against women.

April 13th- 19th, 2008
SAAM RIBBON CAMPAIGN
Union Oval Trees

All week

To promote SAAM teal ribbons will be tied to every tree in the Union Oval and banners will be displayed with Sexual Violence facts.

Friday, April 18th, 2008
THE SURVIVORS ART SHOW, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
At Wood County District Public Library

Art show will showcase survivors of different kinds of violence and assault and how they have used art to recover and cope.

Monday, April 21st, 2008
FEATURED SPEAKER- BYRON HURT
101 Olscamp, 7:00 p.m.
Admission is FREE to public!

Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes presentation on gender violence prevention and the influence of hip-hop music.

Colleges considering students' performance instead of test scores

By Erica Perez
MCT

MILWAUKEE — Elizabeth Byers didn't really worry about having the academic chops to get in to college.

She was valedictorian at Reedsburg Area High School and had a nice set of scores: a 4.0 GPA, a 29 on the ACT and a 1,980 on the SAT.

Still, when Lawrence University asked if she wanted her test scores to be considered, she checked the "no" box. And breathed a sigh of relief.

"I was just sort of like, 'Oh! That's nice!'" Byers said. "So many kids are really great students and don't have great test scores. I have good test scores, but if they were going to recognize me for what I did in school, I wanted to take advantage of that."

Lawrence, in Appleton, Wis., is among a growing list of more than 750 colleges and universities that have some kind of test-optional admissions, according to FairTest, a Massachusetts nonprofit that opposes heavy reliance on the tests. The trend comes as standardized tests have faced increased scrutiny for possible bias against students who are the first in their family to go to college, minorities and non-native English speakers.

Advocates of test-optional policies point to studies showing students who don't submit scores have lower average test scores than other admitted students, but get better grades once they enter college.

Critics argue standardized tests are essential tools for admissions officers who have to deal with grade inflation in secondary school GPAs and an increasingly murky definition of high school class rank.

When Lawrence went test-optional in late 2005, about a quarter of its roughly 2,300 applicants chose not to submit scores. About a quarter of admitted stu-

"So many kids are really great students and don't have great test scores."

Elizabeth Byers | Student

dents were also non-submitters. A study of students admitted in 2006 showed non-submitters had lower test scores, but ended up with roughly the same GPAs as submitters at the end of their first term.

The school also experienced a 12 percent increase in applications when it went test-optional.

"This ends up being a good option for ... the students who are doing very well academically in school but their test scores don't necessarily match up with their academic performance," said Ken Anselment, director of admissions at Lawrence.

Lawrence's results mirrored the findings of a 20-year study at Bates College in Maine, released in 2004. The school, test-optional since 1984, found no differences in academic performance or graduation rates between score submitters and non-submitters. Bates also nearly doubled its applicant pool in the two decades after making testing optional.

"America is apparently throwing away some substantial portion of its future talent by relying far too heavily on its standardized tests as a screening system," said Bill Hiss, who led Bates' admissions office from 1978 to 2000.

Many test-optional schools are specialty institutions or have open-admissions policies. Lawrence is the only U.S. News and World Report-ranked test-optional institution in Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design does not require test scores but it relies more on a student's portfolio.

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Muslim Student Association
Prayer Room
204 Olscamp

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MOD Conference
228 Union

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Delta Xi Phi Talent Show
and White Party Ticket
Sales

118-4 Union Table Space

12 - 1 p.m.

MOD Conference Luncheon
308 Union

6 - 8 p.m.

Learn How To...Dance
201 Union

6 - 8 p.m.

Winding Road
307 Union

8 p.m.

Horn Club
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8 - 10 p.m.

Blown Away: The Wild
World of Weather
112 Physical Sciences Bldg.

9:15 p.m.

Greek Leadership Meeting
315 Union

9:15 p.m.

President's Meeting
308 Union

9:30 - 11 p.m.

UAO presents "Sweeney Todd"
Union Theater

FREE MOVIES

UAO Spring 2008 Movie Schedule

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April 1, 4, 6



April 8, 11, 12

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EVERY TUESDAY,
FRIDAY AND
SUNDAY



April 15, 18, 20



April 22, 25



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2008

Registration begins for:

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March 17

March 19

March 25

April 1

April 8

April 14

April 18

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371 Business Administration Building

365 Education Building

102 Health Center

1031 Moore Musical Arts Building

102 Technology Building

101 West Building

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372-2015

372-2747

372-7372

372-8242

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3:28 P.M.
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5:23 P.M.
A vehicle parked on Campbell Hill Road was reported broken into, and a purse, wallet, wristlet, iPod and debit card were reported stolen.

8:21 P.M.
Emily L. Ferrante, 19, of Columbus, was cited for prohibited acts for using a fake ID at Uptown/Downtown Bar on North Main Street.

9:59 P.M.
A purse was reported stolen from Uptown Bar on North Main Street.

MONDAY

1:41 A.M.
Benjamin S. Nelson, 32, of Galloway, Ohio, was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

1:42 A.M.
Andrew J. Snyder, 20, of Bowling Green, and Cody J. Starr, 18, of Portage, Ohio, were arrested for underage possession of alcohol. Snyder was also arrested for drug abuse of marijuana.

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"[The University is going to] read it carefully and then incorporate the suggestions," President Sidney Ribeau said.

Ribeau said his primary concern is how the University will fund any changes sparked by the state's plan.

"The major thing in these 146 pages for me is, how do you fund all this?" he said.

The state has already offered some help.

Ribeau said because Strickland has recognized the importance of education

"The major thing ... for me is, how do you fund all this?"

Sidney Ribeau | BGSU President

to the state, higher education has been offered some level of protection.

"The governor has said that because higher education is a priority, there will not be any mid-year cuts," Ribeau said.

How the University incorporates the master plan will be determined by how much funding is available.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



BERNARDO AGUIAR | THE BG NEWS

JUST PITCHING: Jacob Sparks and Hong Lee throw a baseball around.

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he leaves office, presidential press secretary Dana Perino told reporters aboard Air Force One, "We'll have to see. It is a big attempt."

The plan, which would require congressional approval for its biggest changes, seeks to trim a hodge-podge collection of overlapping jurisdictions that date back to the Civil War.

It would give the Federal Reserve more power to protect the stability of the entire financial system while merging day-to-day bank supervision into one agency, down from five at present.

It also would create one super agency in charge of business conduct and consumer protection, performing many of the functions of the current Securities and Exchange Commission.

It would propose eliminating the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, merging their functions into other agencies.

The head of the commodity trading commission raised concerns about the plan. CFTC Acting Chairman Walt Lukken said merging the Securities and Exchange Commission and his agency could end up making "the U.S. futures industry less competitive globally" unless differences in

"I do not believe it is fair or accurate to blame our regulatory structure for the current market turmoil. I am not suggesting that more regulation is the answer ..."

Henry Paulson | Treasury Secretary

the laws governing the sales of securities and futures contracts were resolved.

The Paulson plan It would ask Congress to establish a federal Mortgage Origination Commission to set recommended minimum licensing standards for mortgage brokers, many of whom now operate outside of federal regulation, and it would also take a first step toward federal regulation of the insurance industry by asking Congress to establish an Office of Insurance Oversight inside the Treasury Department.

Paulson acknowledged in his remarks that most of the changes will not occur until after a lengthy debate in Congress, leaving it to the next administration to deal with the biggest changes proposed by the report. He also said the Bush administration's focus would remain on getting through the current severe credit crisis, which has roiled financial markets since last August.

Paulson rejected Democratic charges that it was lax regulation of mortgage brokers and the financial industry that had

FIRELANDS

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campus' tuition.

"I save a lot of money by going to Firelands," Fries said. "The tuition is much lower, and I'm able to work."

Fries works 40 hours a week in a factory near his hometown of Norwalk, Ohio on top of taking classes in order to pay for his schooling.

Firelands also has a student body that consists of more non-traditional students.

Lovey A. Leavell is one of these non-traditional students at Firelands.

The 68 year-old is a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and is the student affairs chair for the Firelands Student Government.

She expects to graduate in May 2010 and post-graduation she plans on pursuing a master's degree or attending law school.

"Being a non-traditional student, I've set my goals rather high," Leavell said.

Firelands has a larger percentage of traditional students who come there right out of high school then before, said Lesley Ruszkowski, director of marketing and communication at Firelands.

"We shifted from about a

fifty-fifty split between traditional and non-traditional students to 65 percent traditional and 35 percent non-traditional," Ruszkowski said.

Dan Blystone, 20-year-old fourth-year student, has been attending Firelands since he was a junior in high school through a post-secondary program.

He said after graduating from Firelands that he may enroll at another University.

Blystone has met many friends at Firelands even though it is a commuter school.

"I've made a lot of friends here, and there are student groups here," Blystone said. "There are a lot of science groups here."

Even though Firelands is a commuter campus they are still plenty of student organizations, such as the Intramural Club, Model United Nations, Young Democratic Socialists, Young Republicans, Campus Fellowship and clubs related to different majors offered, said Ruszkowski.

There are many activities for students, but a lot of students at Firelands are busy with other things, Leavell said.

"There are lots of things for students who want to be involved," Leavell said, "but there are a lot of students here who work full-time jobs, and there are a lot of non-traditional students."

Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, which represents more than 650 securities firms, banks and asset managers, praised the overhaul proposal and said there was widespread agreement on the need for modernization in an era "where billions of dollars race across the globe with the click of a mouse."

Frank Keating, president of the American Council of Life Insurers, praised the insurance proposals but Dan Mica, president of the Credit Union National Association, said his organization was "astonished and angered" by the plan to abolish a separate federal regulator for credit unions. He said this move would "essentially turn credit unions into banks."

In Congress, House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, who is working on his own regulatory revamp, called Paulson's proposal a "constructive step forward" but said it wouldn't give the Federal Reserve enough authority to carry out its expanded job to police the stability of the entire financial system.

Many Democrats said that Congress' first priority should be to deal with the current mortgage crisis that is threatening millions of Americans with the loss of their homes and that an extensive debate on a regulatory overhaul should not occur until a new president is in office next year.

USG

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idea of taking away something that unites a number of students on campus is an action that will not work to benefit the community in any way.

"I can understand the administration's concerns based on Virginia Tech," he said. "But to be honest, I'd rather have them shooting fake guns rather than real ones."

But Senator Liesl Dye noted that many of the touring parents and students don't realize that the blasters are fake.

"As a tour guide, I have had parent concerns brought to me about the game and the students who play it," Dye said. "We have to remember that as students we represent the University, and although it doesn't mean to, this game doesn't always reflect positively."

And though Vice President Nick Gamero recognizes that not everyone is going to view Humans vs. Zombies in a favorable light, he was quick to note that the amount of time and energy put into creating and distributing the petition can't go unnoticed.

"When people are pushing for change and wanting to do something even as perceptionally small as signing a petition, it reminds me why I've dedicated my life to BGSU students this year," he said. "That type of effort is commendable."

This meeting was the last one held under the current president and vice president.

CITY BRIEF

Police, sheriffs arrest three after standoff

The Wood County Special Response Team, a task force used to diffuse high risk situations, was called upon Sunday morning to serve a search warrant at a North Enterprise residence. Three arrests were made. Police said there were several events leading up to the arrests.

Sunday 4:33 a.m.

A female reported her vehicle parked on North Enterprise was broken into through the sunroof and her purse stolen.

7:15 a.m.

A large fight was reported at North Enterprise and Ridge Streets. Police said three males from a 320 N. Enterprise St. broke into a nearby Ridge Street house, assaulted two males, and fled to the North Enterprise Street house and locked themselves in. Police said the three subjects believed the victims had broken into the vehicle earlier that morning.

9:55 a.m.

After the subjects in the North Enterprise Street house refused to cooperate, police said a search warrant was obtained and the Wood County Special Response Team surrounded the house and forced entry. Matthew J. Calhoun, 24, of Findlay, Ohio, was arrested for assault and burglary. Calvin L. Brock, 24, of Toledo, was arrested for complicity to assault and burglary. Jermaine B. Nevels, 25, of Bowling Green, was arrested for assault, obstructing official business and burglary.

Clinton: Obama, allies want to stop states from voting

By Beth Fouhy
The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accused rival Sen. Barack Obama and his allies of trying to stop people from voting as some of his backers have called on her to drop out of the presidential race.

The Obama campaign rejected the charge, dismissing Clinton's criticism as "completely laughable."

In a series of television interviews in states holding upcoming contests, Clinton vowed to press on with her campaign and suggested Obama and his supporters wanted to keep those states from playing a role in selecting the party's presidential nominee.

"My take on it is a lot of Senator Obama's supporters want to end this race because they don't want people to keep voting," she told CBS affiliate KTVQ in Billings, Mont. "That's just the opposite of what I believe. We want people to vote. I want the people of Montana to vote, don't you?"

Montana holds its primary June 3. The New York senator made similar comments in interviews with stations in Indiana and North Carolina, which hold primaries May 6.

Obama leads the overall race for the Democratic nomination with 1,631 delegates, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as super-delegates. He got the backing of Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar yesterday. Clinton has 1,501.

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Students, locals raise awareness of sexual assault

By Becky Tener
Reporter

Starting today, Bowling Green State University might not be so orange and brown. Thanks to April's National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, you might see some teal too.

This year, the Sexual Assault Information Network, Men Educating Men on the Prevention of Sexual Assault and Wood County Victims Services are teaming up to create a campus and community-wide campaign to inform students and locals about sexual assault risks and prevention.

Zabrina Andres, graduate assistant adviser for SAIN and MEMPSA, said this is the first time the organizations have planned a full month of events to raise awareness.

"We want to educate campus and city members about what sexual assault is and how they can be aware of the resources out there," she said.

Junior Clare Strange, a volunteer for Wood County Victims Services, said she has met

"We want people to have a clear definition of what sexual assault is."

Jessica Kayse | Senior

many victims of sexual assault through her work at the office's crisis hotline.

But most cases go unreported because victims are unaware of their resources, she said.

Strange said she hopes this month's activities will inspire discussion and help prevent sexual assaults.

"Just because BG is a small place doesn't mean things don't happen," Strange said.

Senior SAIN member Jessica Kayse said the month is filled with events that provide people with information through visual and interactive displays such as decorations featuring sexual assault statistics and awareness ribbons in the Union oval.

She is also excited for former Northeastern University

quarterback Byron Hurt to come at the end of the month to present "Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes," a film about gender violence prevention and the different aspects of sexual assault.

Kayse said sexual assault can come in many different forms, and most men and women don't know that they have been sexually assaulted.

"We want people to have a clear definition of what sexual assault is," she said.

A key to preventing sexual assault is consent between partners, Kayse said. That's why Sexual Assault Awareness Month T-shirts say, "Consent is Sexy. Did you ask?"

SAIN, MEMPSA and Wood County Victim's Service have planned a variety of different events to appeal to as many people as possible, Andres said. She hopes students and community members will take advantage of the opportunities and information offered this month.

"We encourage people to get involved and ask questions," Andres said.

Schedule of Sexual Assault Awareness Month events

Tuesday, April 1st- Wednesday, April 30th
1 IN 4 CAMPAIGN
In various residence halls

Life-size black silhouettes that represent the statistic that 1 in 4 women will be victims of rape or attempted rape in their four years of college.

Tuesday, April 1st- Wednesday, April 30th
SAAM WOOD COUNTY LIBRARY EXHIBIT
At Wood County District Public Library

An exhibit of multiple displays providing the community with information about sexual violence.

Friday, April 11th, 2008
CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
Education Lawn

Is a visual representation of T-shirts that bear witness to violence against women.

April 13th- 19th, 2008
SAAM RIBBON CAMPAIGN
Union Oval Trees

All week
To promote SAAM teal ribbons will be tied to every tree in the Union Oval and banners will be displayed with Sexual Violence facts.

Friday, April 18th, 2008
THE SURVIVORS ART SHOW, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
At Wood County District Public Library

Art show will showcase survivors of different kinds of violence and assault and how they have used art to recover and cope.

Monday, April 21st, 2008
FEATURED SPEAKER- BYRON HURT
101 Olscamp, 7:00 p.m.
Admission is FREE to public!

Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes presentation on gender violence prevention and the influence of hip-hop music.

Colleges considering students' performance instead of test scores

By Erica Perez
MCT

MILWAUKEE — Elizabeth Byers didn't really worry about having the academic chops to get in to college.

She was valedictorian at Reedsburg Area High School and had a nice set of scores: a 4.0 GPA, a 29 on the ACT and a 1,980 on the SAT.

Still, when Lawrence University asked if she wanted her test scores to be considered, she checked the "no" box. And breathed a sigh of relief.

"I was just sort of like, 'Oh! That's nice!'" Byers said. "So many kids are really great students and don't have great test scores. I have good test scores, but if they were going to recognize me for what I did in school, I wanted to take advantage of that."

Lawrence, in Appleton, Wis., is among a growing list of more than 750 colleges and universities that have some kind of test-optional admissions, according to FairTest, a Massachusetts nonprofit that opposes heavy reliance on the tests. The trend comes as standardized tests have faced increased scrutiny for possible bias against students who are the first in their family to go to college, minorities and non-native English speakers.

Advocates of test-optional policies point to studies showing students who don't submit scores have lower average test scores than other admitted students, but get better grades once they enter college.

Critics argue standardized tests are essential tools for admissions officers who have to deal with grade inflation in secondary school GPAs and an increasingly murky definition of high school class rank.

When Lawrence went test-optional in late 2005, about a quarter of its roughly 2,300 applicants chose not to submit scores. About a quarter of admitted stu-

"So many kids are really great students and don't have great test scores."

Elizabeth Byers | Student

dents were also non-submitters. A study of students admitted in 2006 showed non-submitters had lower test scores, but ended up with roughly the same GPAs as submitters at the end of their first term.

The school also experienced a 12 percent increase in applications when it went test-optional.

"This ends up being a good option for ... the students who are doing very well academically in school but their test scores don't necessarily match up with their academic performance," said Ken Anselment, director of admissions at Lawrence.

Lawrence's results mirrored the findings of a 20-year study at Bates College in Maine, released in 2004. The school, test-optional since 1984, found no differences in academic performance or graduation rates between score submitters and non-submitters. Bates also nearly doubled its applicant pool in the two decades after making testing optional.

"America is apparently throwing away some substantial portion of its future talent by relying far too heavily on its standardized tests as a screening system," said Bill Hiss, who led Bates' admissions office from 1978 to 2000.

Many test-optional schools are specialty institutions or have open-admissions policies. Lawrence is the only U.S. News and World Report-ranked test-optional institution in Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design does not require test scores but it relies more on a student's portfolio.

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Muslim Student Association
Prayer Room
204 Olscamp

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
MOD Conference
228 Union

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Delta Xi Phi Talent Show and White Party Ticket Sales
118-4 Union Table Space

12 - 1 p.m.
MOD Conference Luncheon
308 Union

6 - 8 p.m.
Learn How To...Dance
201 Union

6 - 8 p.m.
Winding Road
307 Union

8 p.m.
Horn Club
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8 - 10 p.m.
Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather
112 Physical Sciences Bldg.

9:15 p.m.
Greek Leadership Meeting
315 Union

9:15 p.m.
President's Meeting
308 Union

9:30 - 11 p.m.
UAO presents "Sweeney Todd"
Union Theater

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What's your favorite thing to do at an amusement park?



"Going on roller coasters until I puke."
QING KONG,
Sophomore, Undecided



"Eat cotton candy."
AMANDA POWELL,
Sophomore, Pre-Med/
Chemistry



"Talk about the lack of critical engagement on the BGSU campus."
RICHARD EHRRBAR,
Sophomore,
Telecommunications



"Finding lines with no people and going on the ride as many times as I can."
BRIA GIBSON,
Sophomore, Early
Childhood Education

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Work to leave a legacy



ZACH FRANKS
COLUMNIST

It's safe to say that we have all wondered what people think of us at some point in our life.

Some people may spend more time contemplating this concept than others, and some are even obsessed by the idea of being in control of how other people see them. There are also those who swear off the judgments altogether and just live their lives to the best of their ability.

No matter which of these groups you belong to, you have at least had to consider the thought to determine your own ideology on this issue.

I think what we really need to contemplate is the legacy we will leave behind.

I think it is normal to care at least somewhat of how others view us, not only in the physical sense, but in the mental sense as well. I will even go as far as saying that we generally care more about how we are perceived for who we are than how we look.

It seems to be human nature to want to surround yourself with like-minded individuals because we want to have some ideological bond with those we associate with. For example, most groups of friends seem to have a similar sense of humor, or share values received from participation in team sports or even find common ground in their working class status.

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MCT

Forget the game — what is wrong with you people?



BRIAN KUTZLEY
COLUMNIST

"Would you, regardless of how much you drank, ever kill someone in a bar fight? Over a girlfriend or boyfriend? I suspect that the answer is a resounding 'no.'"

While I do support BG Undead in their plight, I have no intention of contributing to an already repetitive debate.

What I do want to point out is that one of the earliest premises — that this debate is in any way about the safety of students — is completely absurd.

I'm scared of guns. I go shooting with my father every month or two and am aware every moment what would happen if something went wrong.

But I also noticed that a gun in its holster, as worn by store owners and some patrons, bothers me no more than seeing a cop with a gun.

Obviously, there is a huge difference between a cop and a gun store owner, but what I'm proposing is that the gun itself is not what's scary. I don't fear guns because I think one will magically fly out of the holster and start tracking me across the room, but because I fear accidents — something only dangerous with the real deal.

During the debate I promised not to cover, someone responded to an article about carrying Nerf guns on campus by saying that, should a shooting occur at the University, we would feel somehow responsible for having

allowed toys on campus.

Unless our supposed shooter had a toy anxiety that led to a psychotic break, this and any other claim regarding safety is laughable. So let's take this on a different track.

Under what circumstances would you kill another person?

I genuinely want you to consider this.

Would you, regardless of how much you drank, ever kill someone in a bar fight? Over a girlfriend or boyfriend?

I suspect that the answer is a resounding "no." Personally, I believe I am capable of killing only to protect myself and those I love.

The purpose of this rather macabre question is to bring to light something that has bothered me since the Columbine shooting.

In discussions and in media coverage we try to sympathize with shooters. We ask "were there warning signs?" or "was anyone paying attention?" and "could this have been avoided?"

We seem to think that if someone had just given the person in question a hug or a pat on the back, then senseless bloodshed could have been avoided. And I might even agree, were these simple suicides.

But my sympathy is cut short when an individual decides that their pain must be executed on others.

My point is this: Those who commit murder are almost by definition inhuman. If you took my earlier question seriously, you probably reached a conclusion that killing is either completely beyond you or a last resort.

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As usual, USG's asleep at the wheel



GREG CHICK
COLUMNIST

"For an issue that unanimously has infuriated students across campus, USG seems not to be doing anything."

For the Undergraduate Student Government, it's the best of times, and it's the worst of times. Congrats on this whole shuttle service proposal. I guess this is the part where I stick my shoe in my mouth and hope all the criticisms I've thrown their way can be forgiven.

I suppose if this goes through it makes up for the fact that USG President Johnnie L. Lewis spent his whole year crafting his new resume and going to countless, pointless executive meetings with administrators.

An improved shuttle service has been one of those annual things, alongside parking, that is on the top of students' wish lists to get fixed.

But time and time again, USG fails them. Could USG actually pull it off?

Well, it's not all said and done if the referendum passes. The administration still has to accept it.

Though it seems likely they'd have no problem with it (when's the last time the University had a problem with raising tuition?) you never know.

But here's the problem: This is going to make or break whatever "legacy" this year's USG administration ever has.

I'll give props to USG for doing a pretty decent job of garnering student support for this referendum. It will vastly improve the shuttle service, but if the administration ignores it, it's going to look real bad for USG.

After creating such a campus-wide buzz for this proposal, to see it fall on deaf ears is really going to turn students off of USG.

The last thing USG needs is the few students who actually paid attention to them for once to be upset with them.

I was happy to see the student protest in the Union the other day over the meal plan rollover removal. The student groups that ran it did a great service to the student body, showing the administration that students wouldn't take it sitting down.

But where was USG? Why haven't they organized something similar?

A rally, petition signing, march on the President's Office, something? For an issue that unanimously has infuriated students across campus, USG seems not to be doing anything about it. Getting upstaged by a

few student organizations isn't helping either.

Another strike against USG has been their presidential elections last week. They barely caused a gust of wind on campus.

Not that I really care, as I'm a graduate student, but it really tells you something about students' excitement about USG.

Besides the annoyingly large chalk writings throughout campus and the strung-up drapes that the wind victimizes too much for me to read, I haven't heard much of the candidates.

I've heard more from student government candidates back in high school when they'd put flyers in my locker, have campaigners bug me on my way to lunch from study hall, and burn a good 10 minutes out of first period English by explaining their platforms.

The only public debate they had saw only 15 students attend, including members of USG. Considering the student population, that's proportionally less fanfare than I'd get if I walked into Victoria's Secret and announced George Lucas was signing autographs outside the store.

I'm not excusing everybody, as even The BG News didn't highlight the elections until its "In Focus" section until Wednesday, three days after voting commenced.

It also seems the "Rock the Vote" program was pretty lackluster, too. Just another organized event that highlighted both student apathy and distaste for USG. When student government continues to fail the student body, there's little motivation to get involved.

With elections over and done with, it's time to turn the page and look to the future.

Maybe the new candidates can really invigorate the student body. Perhaps they'll be able to stand up for what students are concerned with — parking, shuttle service, meal plans, rising tuition, and all around not getting shafted by the administration.

There's always hope, right?

— Respond to Greg at thenews@bgnews.com.

Profs often hinder students

CONRAD PRITSCHER | GUEST COLUMNIST

Along with "Alice in Wonderland," we may ask, "Please tell me Sir, which way ought I go from here?" And we will still not know when the Cheshire Cat replies, "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to."

Most of us want to be educated (self-directing), and in order to be educated we need some training.

The problem with schools and universities is that students and professors seem to be overly "trained" at the expense of "educated," partly because few, in any, are valued/graded/promoted on the basis of open, imaginative, self-directing inquiry.

"Many professors, during their classroom activities, do not use their authority to help you become your own authority."

What can you do about that? You could consider what it would take to learn to know that you know, without an authority (professor) telling you that you know.

If your professors do or say whatever it takes to help you become highly interested in what they're going to say or do next, you have great professors and those classrooms may be similar to "wonderland."

It is often difficult for pro-

fessors to make students interested in required courses. Students learn best when they hear, read, or study a topic that they think is remarkable, interesting, and important.

As Einstein said, "Is it any wonder that the modern methods of instruction have not entirely killed the holy curiosity of inquiry; for this delicate little

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KUTZLEY

From Page 4

I could mandate that every student wear a loaded firearm from sunrise to sunset, and I suspect the guns would never leave their holsters. Anyone who has fired a gun, or even held a gun, knows full well their destructive power, and that knowledge is pervasive.

Trying to remove guns from campuses and communities is the wrong answer to the wrong question. (Trying to remove anything gun-esque feels like being trapped in a bad parody of "Sliders" or "Saturday Night Live.")

The wrong answer is our fear of guns. The extension of this paranoia to toys — even Airsoft guns designed to look real — should be a potent rebuke to our community for irrational fear and panic mongering.

The wrong question, therefore, is, "how do we keep guns off campus?"

Concealed carry and Second Amendment rights debates still thrive. After the apparent success of gun restrictions in

NYC and the abysmal failure of extreme restrictions in DC, both sides are (pun fully intended) locked and loaded with years worth of filibustering bullet points.

The right question is "what kind of person is capable of murder?"

The resulting thought experiment takes philosophers into such a twisted realm that many are tempted to label crime a form of disease — no fit person could conceive of such a violation of another human being.

This is why people like me still embrace the death penalty. In cases of theft or assault we can fantasize about justifications; desperation brought about by extreme poverty, emotional crises, etc.

But rape and murder hold a special place, as there is no explanation, no justification for such actions, and I am disgusted that we treat shooters like victims. I don't even consider them human.

So enjoy the game, take comfort in being surrounded by good-natured humans who are willing to get everything they can out of life.

And please, for the sake of public sanity, stop crying wolf. Our school's paranoia is insulting to those who actually fell victim to these monsters.

— Respond to Brian at
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PRITSCHER

From Page 4

plant, besides stimulation, stands mainly in need of freedom."

When students are required to study what the professor thinks is remarkable, interesting and important, the student is not "free" to follow his or her interests unless the student highly agrees with the professor's choice.

Professors often teach the way they were taught. Many of them also listened to nearly 20,000,000 words if all of their undergraduate courses were lecture courses.

Of course they experienced, discussed, and experimented with topics they were probably interested in at the graduate level. But the system Einstein spoke against involves obedience to authority.

Many professors, during their classroom activities, do not use their authority to help you become your own authority. We are, to a certain extent, kept in the dark about how to be one's own authority since those who are their own authorities often learn that on their own.

There is an infrequently-considered history of education given by Buckminster Fuller, inventor of the geodesic dome, which demonstrates how leaders of the ruling class (the military-industrial-governmental complex) keep many of us in the dark. When we are in the dark we can be more easily trained and manipulated.

Fuller begins this history of schooling when the Great Pirates established land-based homes and made someone governor. A Great Pirate would tell the governor to tell the Great Pirate when a smart young man is noticed. The Great Pirate would take the smart young man and ask him to study a specialty such as accounting,

finance, navigation, shipbuilding or some other important skill the great pirate needed to maintain power.

The Great Pirate would tell the young man to study only the specialty he was assigned because the Great Pirate would be the only one to think comprehensively (dealing with all fields of thought).

These specialists were paid reasonably well but they always took orders from the Great Pirate and were controlled — that is, enslaved — by him. They were not independent comprehensive thinkers as the Great Pirate was.

Fuller thinks the specialization that began with the Great Pirates continues in schools and universities which often follow the system Einstein was speaking against (training instead of education for self-direction).

With the exception of some fine arts and music courses, most professors, unfortunately, do not encourage open, imaginative inquiry in their classrooms. Open imaginative inquiry will not be open, imaginative or inquiry in a course that is graded by an authority such as a professor.

Imagination, openness and inquiry are difficult to measure. With all the pressure from a wide variety of sources to be accountable for what one does, professors and University administrators often give little time to that which cannot be measured with relative ease.

Self-direction is difficult to measure, but if we learn by doing, as great educators have said, we learn to be self-directing by being self-directing. Professors who permit you to openly explore facilitate students arriving in a land where students wonder.

— Pritscher is a professor
emeritus. Respond to his column
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FRANKS

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What's important to remember is that we must first identify who we are before we can contemplate the image that we have.

It is great to be thought of as successful in our endeavors, but I think that how we accomplish and what we do with our accomplishments is of much greater importance. These are what we really leave behind when our time has come.

It would be great to die rich and successful, but if my legacy reflected my rise to the top through the exploitations of others, was I really successful or just ruthless and self-absorbed?

And if I achieved this through, say, ignoring child labor laws, what good would my success breed in the future of others?

We have all undoubtedly heard of The Beatles and their impact on the world of music, but think for a minute of the legacy that the members have left, and will leave, behind.

It doesn't matter if you love their music or think they're overrated. What matters is that you cannot deny the legacy left is one to be proud of.

They didn't collect their paychecks and slip into seclusion; they used what they had achieved to spread a message, a message that was in tune with what they sang about.

Love, peace, understanding, hope and compassion were the main or underlying ideas in most of their songs, but more importantly it was the fact that they tried to spread these ideas.

They protested for these ideas, using these ideas. While others called on violence to get their messages through, The Beatles never wavered in the means they used. I think the most amazing thing about them is that their goodness still resonates today.

A good example is the fact

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outspoken to leave a
good legacy."

that a new album of John Lennon's songs performed by various artists has been released with all the proceeds providing humanitarian aid and attention to those going through the crisis in Darfur.

I'm not making a sales pitch, trying to rally support or say that The Beatles have done more than others, I just think they are a great example of a commendable legacy. It's the idea that they are still able to practice what they preached, not only after their split, but from beyond the grave.

I also understand that most of us will never have a stage close to they size they built, but we should act and live as though we do.

Even if you are a farmer, shopkeeper, accountant or even homeless, someone will remember you and what you stood for. You don't need be celebrity, and you don't need to be rich, successful or outspoken to leave a good legacy.

Your actions alone will determine what you leave behind, and only you can determine those actions.

Whether it's donating, volunteering or just treating others with kindness and compassion, the impact of your life can be one to be proud of.

We have all had somebody impact our life for the good, just imagine what the world would be like if we all strived to be that person to someone else.

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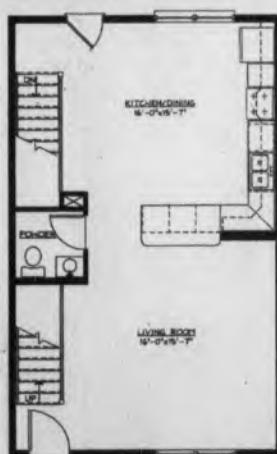
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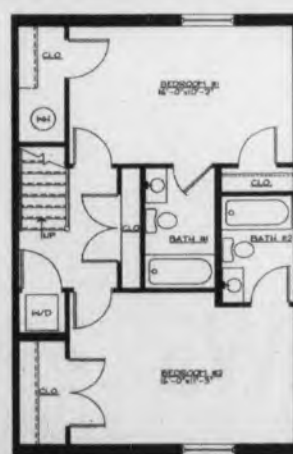
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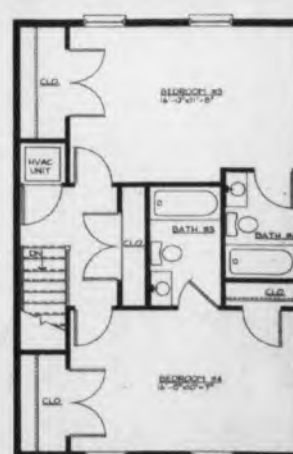
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Remains of Ohio soldier found

By Terry Kinney
The Associated Press

BATAVIA, Ohio — Sgt. Keith Matthew Maupin's parents vowed to never let the U.S. Army forget about finding their son.

Their efforts included trips to the Pentagon and even meeting with President Bush, but they ended in disappointment Sunday: An Army general told them the remains of Maupin, a soldier who had been listed as missing-captured in Iraq since 2004, had been found.

"My heart sinks, but I know they

can't hurt him anymore," Keith Maupin said after receiving word about the remains of his son, who went by Matt.

The Army didn't say how or where in Iraq his son's remains were discovered, only that the identification was made with DNA testing, Maupin said. A shirt similar to the one his son was wearing at the time of his disappearance was also found.

The Army was continuing its investigation, Maupin said.

Lt. Col. Lee Packnett, an Army public affairs officer in

Washington, said an official statement about the identification would be released yesterday.

Matt Maupin was a 20-year-old private first class when he was captured April 9, 2004, after his fuel convoy, part of the Bartonville, Ill.-based 724th Transportation Company, was ambushed west of Baghdad.

A week later, the Arab television network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape showing a stunned-looking Maupin sitting on the floor surrounded by five men holding automatic rifles.

EVENTS IN THE CAPTURE SGT. MATT MAUPIN

NOVEMBER 2002 Keith "Matt" Maupin is called to active duty after joining the Army Reserves earlier that year.

FEBRUARY 2003 Maupin is deployed to Iraq.

APRIL 9, 2004 —Maupin is captured when his fuel convoy, part of the 724th Transportation Co., is ambushed west of Baghdad.

MID-APRIL 2004 Arab television network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape showing Maupin sitting on the floor surrounded by five masked men holding automatic rifles.

MAY 2004 Maupin is promoted in absentia from private first class to specialist.

JUNE 2004 An Al-Jazeera tape purports to show a U.S. soldier being shot. The Army rules the dark and grainy tape inconclusive.

APRIL 2005 Maupin is promoted to sergeant; the adjutant general approves Army board's recommendation to continue listing Maupin as "missing-captured."

AUGUST 2006 Maupin is promoted to staff sergeant.

MARCH 30, 2008 Army informs Maupin's parents that his remains have been found.

MARCH 31, 2008 Army announces change in status to



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GIVING THANKS: A letter hangs from a memorial at Glen Este High School in honor of Sgt. Keith Matthew Maupin, near Batavia, Ohio.

City school districts experience low graduation rates

By Ken Thomas
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—Seventeen of the nation's 50 largest cities had high school graduation rates lower than 50 percent, with the highest dropout rates reported in Detroit, Indianapolis and Cleveland, according to a report released today.

The report, issued by America's Promise Alliance, found that about half of the students served by public school systems in the nation's largest cities receive diplomas. Students in suburban and rural public

high schools were more likely to graduate than their counterparts in urban public high schools, the researchers said.

Nationally, about 70 percent of U.S. students graduate on time with a regular diploma and about 1.2 million students drop out annually.

"When more than 1 million students a year drop out of high school, it's more than a problem, it's a catastrophe," said former Secretary of State Colin Powell, founding chair of the alliance.

His wife, Alma Powell, the chair of the alliance, said students need to graduate with

skills that will help them in higher education and beyond. "We must invest in the whole child, and that means finding solutions that involve the family, the school and the community." The Powell's organization was beginning a national campaign to cut high school dropout rates.

The group, joining Education Secretary Margaret Spellings at a Tuesday news conference, was announcing plans to hold summits in every state during the next two years on ways to better prepare students for college and the work force.

The report found troubling

data on the prospects of urban public high school students getting to college. In Detroit's public schools, 24.9 percent of the students graduated from high school, while 30.5 percent graduated in Indianapolis Public Schools and 34.1 percent received diplomas in the Cleveland Municipal City School District.

Researchers analyzed school district data from 2003-2004 collected by the U.S. Department of Education. To calculate graduation rates, the report estimated the likelihood that a 9th grader would complete high school on time with a regular diploma.

Restoring strip mines could bring American chestnut revival

By Duncan Mansfield
The Associated Press

PIONEER, Tenn. — In a double-barreled approach to environmental restoration, Appalachian mountains scarred by strip-mining are being planted with American chestnut trees, a species that has been all but wiped out in the U.S. by a fungus.

For the past 30 years or so, federal regulations essentially said that once a forested mountainside was scraped open and the coal extracted, mine companies had to smooth the soil over and seed it with grass.

But recently, federal regulators have begun promoting the planting of chestnuts and other hardwoods to improve drainage, reduce erosion and return the landscape to a more natural state.

The project has the added advantage of helping to bring the American chestnut back from the brink of extinction.

American chestnuts "were a critical part of the forest and they are gone now, for all intents and purpose," said John

Johnson, a former leader in the militant environmentalist group Earth First! and now an employee and student in the University of Tennessee forestry program. "So this in a way is like double research — like, how to bring chestnuts back and how to reclaim these sites."

Earlier this month, 60 volunteers in a public-private partnership clambered over a coalfield on Zeb Mountain, 50 miles north of Knoxville, and planted chestnut seeds. The same thing will be done in the coming weeks in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and Virginia.

The Zeb Mountain planting was so popular, volunteers had to be turned away. Students, retirees, mining regulators, mine operators, researchers and conservationists participated. They left muddy, wet and enthusiastic after planting more than 200 germinated nuts over a two-acre plot of rocks, boulders and sandstone.

"I was just so excited to be part of it," said Jeff Gately, a senior in civil engineering at the University of Tennessee.



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REGROWTH: One of more than 200 American chestnut seeds planted for as part of a coal mine reclamation is shown in Tennessee on the Zeb Mountain mine near Pioneer, Tenn.

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HUD Secretary quits amid housing crisis and a criminal probe of his activities

By Pete Yost
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson, his tenure tarnished by allegations of political favoritism and a criminal investigation, announced his resignation yesterday amid the wreckage of the national housing crisis.

He leaves behind a trail of unanswered questions about whether he tilted the Department of Housing and Urban Development toward Republican contractors and cronies.

The move comes at a shaky time for the economy, with soaring mortgage foreclosures imperiling the nation's credit markets.

In announcing that his last day at HUD will be April 18, Jackson said only, "There comes a time when one must attend more diligently to personal and family matters."

Some Congressional Democrats had pushed for him to leave.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton said that while Jackson's resignation is "appropriate, it does nothing to address the Bush administration's wait-and-don't-see posture to our nation's



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HUD CRISIS: Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson resigned yesterday.

housing crisis."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said HUD will be called on to work with Congress on assisting refinancing for borrowers faced with imminent foreclosure.

The ethical allegations against Jackson "meant that the Bush administration's ineffective housing policies were being burdened by an even more ineffective HUD Secretary," Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said after Jackson's announcement.

President Bush called Jackson "a strong leader and a good man." Ties between the two men go back to the 1980s when they lived in the same Dallas neighborhood. It was Jackson's personal ties to Bush that brought him to Washington, where he displayed a forceful personal style at HUD for seven years, first as the agency's No. 2 official and since 2004 in the top slot.

Despite a strong commitment to housing for those in need, Jackson was capable of ill-advised public comments.

Last year, after the subprime mortgage crisis erupted, many policymakers underlined the disproportionate impact of the high-risk, high-cost mortgages on minorities and the elderly, who often are targets of predatory lending practices that lure people into loans they are incapable of repaying.

Asked about the problems with subprime mortgages last June, Jackson insisted that many such borrowers were not uneducated, young, black and gay upwardly mobile achievers — with expensive cars who bought \$400,000 homes with little or no money down.

In historic change, Army allows husband-and-wife soldiers live together in Iraq

By Bradley Brooks and Russ Bynum
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — When American soldiers get off duty in Iraq, the men usually return to their quarters, the women to theirs. But Staff Sgt. Marvin Frazier gets to go back to a small trailer with two pushed-together single beds that he shares with his wife.

In a historic but little-noticed change in policy, the Army is allowing scores of husband-and-wife soldiers to live and sleep together in the war zone — a move aimed at preserving marriages, boosting morale and perhaps bolstering re-enlistment rates at a time when the military is struggling to fill its ranks five years into the fighting.

"It makes a lot of things easier," said Frazier, 33, a helicopter maintenance supervisor in the 3rd Infantry Division. "It really adds a lot of stress, being separated. Now you can sit face-to-face and try to work out things and comfort each other."

Long-standing Army rules barred soldiers of the opposite sex from sharing sleeping quarters in war zones. Even married troops lived only in all-male or all-female quarters and had no private living space.



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SOLDIERS: U.S. Army Spc. Chelsea Adams, 26, left, her husband, Sgt. Cameron Adams, 29, right, are seen at Forward Operating Base Marez in Mosul, 360 kilometers (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq.

Tattered \$20 bills linked to D.B. Cooper skyjacking are going up for auction

By Schuyler Dixon
The Associated Press

DALLAS — A boy who found the lone piece of evidence linked to the world's only unsolved skyjacking is now a 30-something father of five who has decided to start selling his treasure.

Brian Ingram was an 8-year-old on a family camping trip when he discovered three bundles of deteriorating \$20 bills on the shore of the Columbia River near Portland, Ore., in 1980. The money turned out to be some of the \$200,000 ransom D.B. Cooper was carrying when he parachuted from a plane after a 1971 hijacking.

Now Ingram is taking some of his find to auction, offering 15 bills through Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries. The live and online auction was announced Monday and scheduled for June 13-14.

"My wife and I have discussed it over a few years, and we just decided we wanted to share it with people," said Ingram, 36, of Mena, Ark.

The auction announcement comes after the recent discovery of a tattered, half-buried parachute in the area where Cooper was believed to have landed. The FBI is investigating whether it was one given to Cooper.

In November 1971, a man identifying himself as Dan Cooper, later mistakenly called D.B. Cooper, hijacked a Northwest Orient flight from Portland to Seattle, claiming he had a bomb.



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D.B. COOPER: Brian Ingram displays one of the \$20 bills that skyjacker D.B. Cooper had when he parachuted from a plane with his ransom 37 years ago and is headed for auction in Dallas on yesterday.

At Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, he released the passengers in exchange for \$200,000 and four parachutes and asked to be flown to Mexico. He jumped from the plane somewhere near the Oregon state line.

There was no trace of Cooper until Ingram came upon the \$5,880 while brushing his hand over the sand, trying to clear a spot for a campfire. The FBI matched the serial numbers and kept 13 bills in case it ever prosecutes the Cooper case. The Ingrams also had to give some bills to an insurance company that paid the ransom.

Once he sells the first 15, Ingram said he isn't sure how he'll proceed with the rest, other than knowing he'll keep a few. He said he isn't sure exactly how

many he has because of their fragile condition.

While he prefers to stress the historic and sentimental value of the bills, he recognizes they could be tickets to college for his children ranging in age from 7 to 14.

"Of course, we hope they can get scholarships," he said, laughing.

Heritage CEO Steve Ivy isn't sure how much the bills will bring. His best guess was somewhere in the hundreds for smaller pieces and somewhere in the thousands for the bigger bills that are more intact.

Ingram and Ivy said announcing the auction after the discovery of the parachute was coincidental, but Ivy said it can only help.

After flirting with ban on 'pork' projects, Congress moves ahead

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Get out the trough, it's feeding time. Congress has decided that an election year with recession written all over it is not the time to be giving up those job-producing "pork" projects bemoaned by both parties' presidential candidates.

As lawmakers returned yesterday from a two-week spring break, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi quietly shelved the idea of a one-year moratorium on so-

called earmarks, the \$18 billion in pet projects that lawmakers sent to their home states this year.

The California Democrat earlier had signaled her support for the idea of including no legislative earmarks in next year's budget. She pulled back in the face of resistance by Democratic allies after the Senate turned a thumbs-down by a resounding 71-29 vote in mid-March.

The response to the Senate vote from rank-and-file lawmakers: They sent in so many last-minute earmark requests

that a House Appropriations Committee web site seized up and the deadline for requesting pork had to be extended.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the presidential candidate who will head the Republican national ticket this fall, and the GOP leader in the House, John Boehner of Ohio, spent the first two months of this year trying to persuade party colleagues to break their addiction to pet projects for at least a year.

"My patience is running out on earmarks, I'll tell you that," Pelosi said March 6.

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Al-Sadr truce calms Iraq's violence but weakens US-backed premier

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Rockets fell on the Green Zone and random machine gun fire rang out yesterday in the southern city of Basra as Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr sought to rein in his militia after a week of battles that claimed about 400 lives.

The peace deal between al-Sadr and Iraqi government forces — said to have been brokered in Iran — calmed the violence but left the cleric's Mahdi Army intact and Iraq's U.S.-backed prime minister politically battered and humbled within his own Shiite power base.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki had promised to crush the militias that have effectively ruled Basra for nearly three years. The U.S. military launched air strikes in the city to back the Iraqi effort.

But the ferocious response by the Mahdi Army, including rocket fire on the U.S.-controlled Green Zone and attacks throughout the Shiite south, caught the government by surprise and sent officials scrambling for a way out of the crisis.

The confrontation enabled al-Sadr to show that he remains a powerful force capable of challenging the Iraqi government, the Americans and mainstream Shiite parties that have sought for years to marginalize him. And the outcome cast doubt on President Bush's assessment that the Basra battle was "a defining moment" in the history "of a free Iraq."

With gunmen again off the streets, a round-the-clock curfew imposed in Baghdad last week was lifted at 6 a.m. yesterday, except in Sadr City and two other Shiite neighborhoods. Streets of the capital buzzed with traffic and commerce.

Several rockets or mortars slammed yesterday into the



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MOURNING: Iraqis march during a funeral during a sandstorm in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, March 31, 2008. The funeral was for five persons, including two children, who were killed in recent militant clashes.

Green Zone, the nerve center of the American mission in Iraq. But the U.S. Embassy said there were no reports of serious injuries. At least two Americans working for the U.S. government were killed in Green Zone attacks last week.

An American soldier was killed yesterday by a roadside bomb in northeastern Baghdad, the U.S. military said without specifying whether the attack occurred in a Shiite or Sunni area. The military also said a U.S. soldier wounded south of Baghdad on March 23 died Sunday in Germany.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in Copenhagen, Denmark that the violence in Shiite areas had not changed American plans to withdraw more combat forces this spring.

Republican Sen. John McCain, who has linked his presidential campaign to the conduct of the war, said he was "surprised" that al-Maliki had ordered an operation in Basra rather than keeping the focus on fighting al-Qaida in Iraq in the northern city of Mosul.

Fighting in the south helped make March the deadliest month for Iraqis since last summer, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press.

At least 1,247 Iraqis, including civilians and security personnel, had been killed as of yesterday, according to figures compiled from police and U.S. military reports. The figure was nearly double the tally for February and the biggest monthly toll since August, when 1,956 people died violently.

In ordering his militia to stop fighting, al-Sadr also demanded concessions from the Iraqi government, including an end to the "illegal raids and arrests" of his followers and the release of all detainees who have not been convicted of any offenses.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh welcomed al-Sadr's decision but told reporters yesterday that no political group was above the law. Al-Sadr's supporters believed the security crackdown in Basra was aimed at weakening their movement before provincial elections this fall.

U.S. and Iraqi officials insisted the operation was directed at criminals and rogue militiamen — some allegedly linked to Iran — but not against the Sadr movement, which controls 30 of the 275 seats in the national parliament.

Cuba lifts ban that kept its citizens from staying in tourist hotels

By Will Weissert
The Associated Press

HAVANA — New President Raul Castro's government has lifted a ban on Cubans staying at hotels previously reserved for foreigners, ending another restriction that had been especially irksome to ordinary citizens.

"They have informed us that with a national ID card, anyone can stay here," an employee at the Ambos Mundos Hotel in Old Havana. She insisted on anonymity because she is not authorized to speak to foreign reporters, but said non-guests who are Cuban nationals will also be allowed to pay to enjoy other hotel services, including gyms.

Front desk workers and managers at the Nacional, Valencia and Santa Isabel hotels in Havana also said Ministry of Tourism officials told them Cubans can stay in hotels across the island as of midnight yesterday. Like other guests, they will be charged in convertible pesos worth 24 times the regular pesos earned by state employees.

Catering to tourists and foreign executives, many of Havana's best-known hotels charge well over \$100 per night. The four-star Ambos Mundos, for example, charges \$173 a night in high season — more than eight times the average monthly state salary of about \$20.

"Access to hotels was a complaint a lot of people had, so this is positive. But the prices are so expensive. I can't pay for a hotel. Very few people can."

Magaly | Havana retiree

Some hotels scheduled meetings with all staff members to discuss the changes, and officials said new rules will also allow Cubans to rent cars at state-run agencies for the first time.

"Access to hotels was a complaint a lot of people had, so this is positive," said Magaly, a 69-year-old Havana retiree who said she did not feel comfortable divulging her full name. "But the prices are so expensive. I can't pay for a hotel. Very few people can."

Magaly predicted a brief boom. "Everyone will stay in hotels even if it's only for one day," she said. "But then the novelty will wear off and everything will be the same again."

On Friday, Cuba authorized its citizens to obtain mobile phones, which only foreigners and key officials in the communist government were previously allowed to have — though thousands of Cubans have already obtained phones by having foreigners sign contracts in their names.

The Interior Commerce Ministry also authorized the

general sale beginning tomorrow of computers, electric bicycles, microwaves and DVD players, items which had only been sold to companies and foreigners.

"This is a dream," gasped a man named Miguel, who joined other shoppers in gawking at shiny red, blue, silver and wine-colored electric bicycles displayed in the windows of a shopping center in Havana's Vedado district.

The Chinese-made bikes, which can be plugged into wall outlets for charging, previously were prohibited for sale to Cubans because of fears of excessive use of electricity.

Miguel took out a cellular phone equipped with a camera and snapped a photo of the bikes, then added, "We have still to see at what price they sell them."

Much of the population has access to convertible pesos or other foreign currency, either through jobs in tourism or with foreign firms or cash sent by relatives living in the United States. They will suddenly have a host of new ways to spend their money.

Archaeologists hope first Stonehenge dig in 44 years will unravel mysteries

By Gregory Katz
The Associated Press

LONDON — Some of England's most sacred soil was disturbed yesterday for the first time in more than four decades as archaeologists worked to solve the enduring riddle of Stonehenge: When and why was the prehistoric monument built?

The excavation project, set to last until April 11, is designed to unearth materials that can be used to establish a firm date for when the first mysterious set of bluestones was put in place at Stonehenge, one of Britain's best known and least understood landmarks.

The World Heritage site, a favorite with visitors the world

over, has become popular with Druids, neo-Pagans and New Agers who attach mystical significance to the strangely shaped circle of stones, but there remains great debate about the actual purpose of the structure.

The dig will be led by Timothy Darvill, a leading Stonehenge scholar from Bournemouth University, and Geoffrey Wainwright, president of the Society of Antiquaries. Both experts have worked to pinpoint the site in the Preseli Mountains in south Wales where the bluestones — the earliest of the large rocks erected at the site — came from. They will be able to compare the samples found in Wales to those at Stonehenge on the Salisbury Plain.



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UNEARTHING: Archaeology students Steve Bush, right, and Sam Ferguson, left, sieve through earth amongst the stones at Stonehenge, England.

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1938—Baseball Hall of Fame opens in Cooperstown, NY.

The List

Baseball is back so what better time to list the top five baseball characters in popular movies about the game:

1. Ricky Vaughn, Major League:

Is there anything better than the "Wild Thing"? The answer to that question is obviously no!

2. Henry
Rowengartner, Rookie of the Year:

It's a movie about a 12-year-old leading the long-suffering Cubs to a World Series title... what's not to love about that?

3. Benny Rodriguez, The Sandlot:

"Beriny the Jet" put on his PF Fliers and out-duled the beast — take that Hercules!

4. Morris
Buttermaker, Bad News Bears:

He was a drunk, a former player and the coach of probably the worst little league team of all time.

5. Billy Heywood, Little Big League:

When the manager of the Minnesota Twins conspires with the closer to drop water balloons on random people from a hotel balcony, you know it is a classic movie.

BG finishes seventh at MAC



NOT SO SEVENTH HEAVEN: Gymnastics team rounds out season with seventh-place finish at the MAC Championships.

CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

Team records fourth highest overall score of the season in defeat

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

After falling twice at Kent State during the regular season, the third time was not the charm for BG at the MAC championships this past weekend.

The Falcons finished seventh out of seven MAC teams as they recorded a team score of 192.025, which also was their fourth highest score of the season.

BG started the evening on the bars and beam, the two events that had been hindering the Falcons since the beginning of the season. However, at the MAC championships it was a different story as BG came out strong, hitting routines and not recording a single fall during either event.

"We had no falls on either of the first two events which was an absolutely great start for us, especially since we've had trouble on those two events throughout the year. So we really set ourselves up well going into floor," said head coach Kerrie Beach.

On the bars the team posted a 48.025 lead by sophomore Breanne Guy who finished 13th overall with a score of 9.675. On the beam, BG was led by high

scores from Queenita Gamble and Jholeen Ponce who both finished in the top ten for the event. Gamble took seventh with a score of 9.775, a new career high. Ponce recorded a new season high in the event with a 9.75.

After two events, BG was in strong position to place higher than seventh in the conference, however floor, which has been a strong suit all season, turned out to be the Falcons' downfall.

On the floor, two athletes stepped out of bounds, and the rest of the floor team all struggled with their routines as Guy was the top Falcon, finishing 28th with a 9.575. As a team it was one of BG's worst events of the season.

"Three quarters of the meet was strong, but floor just put us out of the running in the competition," Beach said.

Despite the struggles on the floor, BG almost righted the ship on the next event — the vault. Led by Guy and MAC specialist of the year Jacque Bernhardt, BG scored a 48.225. Guy finished ninth in the event while Bernhardt finished 12th.

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Tennis routs NIU 7-0 for first MAC win

By Nate Parsons
Reporter

The BG tennis team is back on track.

After narrowly losing their first two Mid-American Conference games last weekend after an 11-0 start, the Falcons picked up their first MAC win of the season this past weekend.

The Falcons defeated Northern Illinois, 7-0, Saturday afternoon at Shadow Valley Tennis Club in Toledo.

Coach Penny Dean said the win helped bring up the team's overall morale.

"It feels good," she said. "It's helped our spirits and our attitude for practicing. We weren't used to losing."

Coming back home will usually get a team out of a slump. The match was the first home match for the Falcons (12-2, 1-2) since Feb. 16.



ROUTED: BG returned to its winning ways by routing conference rival NIU 7-0.

"It's really nice to have a win at home," Jenna Nussbaum said. "We're undefeated at home (7-0), so I think whenever we play at home, we remember that and bring that confidence. It was just really nice having the support of our crowd."

It didn't take long for the Falcons to get back to their winning ways. For the eighth time in 14 matches

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Men's golf battles cold, pulls out eighth place finish

By Jason Jones
Reporter

The men's golf team returned north this past weekend, and were reminded why they've made trips to Hilton Head, South Carolina and Puerto Rico earlier this spring. Weather became the decisive factor at the Hoosier Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.

"It was freezing, in the 40s with 15 to 20 mile per hour winds, and sometimes it works with you, and sometimes against you. It helped us pick up a win in Purdue, and held us back this past weekend" head coach Gary Winger said.

In the two rounds of golf that were played this weekend, the Falcons saw mixed results. Not unlike the results of their trip to Hilton Head one month ago, the team once again suffered a painfully slow start, this one being so severe that it landed them all the way back in 14th after the first round.

"We can't use the weather as


Russell Goodwin

Finished in 22nd place carding a 76 and a 73.

an excuse. Everyone had to play in the same weather, and we just played bad, no excuses," senior captain Jace Walker said.

Again, not unlike in Hilton Head, the Falcons were able to counter an abysmal opening round with an impressive second, finishing with the fourth lowest score of the round, cutting 17 strokes in the process.

Improving by 17 strokes is no doubt impressive, but if the Falcons hope to make significant strides, better starts will need to become part of their repertoire.

"We can't come out and put ourselves so far behind, and end up having to battle back, because you can only do so good after you fall so far behind," said Winger.

Unfortunately, the Falcons would not receive a chance to

"It was freezing, in the 40s with 15-to-20 mile-per-hour winds, and sometimes it works with you, and sometimes against you."

Gary Winger | BG coach

climb in the final standings of the tournament on Sunday, because mother nature reared it's ugly head once again, this time getting the final round cancelled. The cancellation locked the Falcons up with an eighth place finish.

Senior Russell Goodwin picked up his best finish of the year, carding a 76-73 and finishing 22nd overall. Average play

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Casey Blake rescues the Indians to give the reigning Central Division Champs the 10-8 victory

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As the inning unfolded, C.C. Sabathia felt as if he was watching a favorite movie, one with a dialogue he knows by heart and predictable ending.

"Not to sound cocky," the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner said. "But I think everybody knew what was coming."

Say this for the Cleveland Indians, they can do drama.

The defending AL Central champions won in familiar fashion at Progressive Field — their ballpark previously known as Jacobs Field — as Casey Blake hit a three-run double in the eighth inning yesterday for a 10-8 opening win over the Chicago White Sox.

Blake's shot off the wall against Octavio Dotel capped a 3-hour, 21-minute opener that featured five homers, controversial calls and unseasonably pleasant weather in a city finally thawed out from the snowiest March on record.

After blowing a 7-2 lead, the

OTHER MLB ACTION ON OPENING DAY

TIGERS: Lost to the Kansas City Royals 5-4 in 10 innings.

REDS: Lost to the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-2.

CUBS: Lost to the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 in 10 innings.

DODGERS: Defeated the San Francisco Giants 5-0.

METS: Defeated the Florida Marlins 7-2.

Indians loaded the bases in the eighth on two singles and a two-out walk before Blake's clutch hit.

"It was not that big of a surprise," said Sabathia, who made his fifth and potentially final opening day start for the Indians. "Nobody in this clubhouse was ever in doubt. We always have faith that somebody would come through and it was Casey — once again."

They may not play in the Jake anymore, but everything else

seemed in place for the Indians, who won 23 times in their final at-bat last season.

With the score 7-7, Kelly Shoppach and Jhonny Peralta opened the eighth with singles off Dotel (0-1), who bounced back and got two quick outs. Franklin Gutierrez, who hit a three-run homer in Cleveland's seven-run second off Mark Buehrle, walked to load the bases.

Blake fell behind 1-2 in the count before lifting a shot high off the 19-foot-high wall in left, barely missing a grand slam but starting a new chapter of memories for Indians fans, who have resisted the ballpark's new corporate moniker.

"I was begging for a homer," said Blake, who batted just .190 with runners in scoring position last year.

Chicago's Jim Thome hit a pair of two-run homers off Sabathia, who couldn't protect a 7-2 lead but wound up with a no-decision. The lefty struck out seven in 5 1-3 innings.

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TONY DEJAK | AP PHOTO

INDIANS WIN: The Indians took to one step to defending their 2007 A.L. Central Division Championship by knocking off the Chicago White Sox 10-8 yesterday at Progressive Field.

Hansbrough and Beasley headline AP All-American team

By Jim O'Connell
The Associated Press

North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough and Kansas State's Michael Beasley were unanimous selections to The Associated Press' All-America team yesterday. For the first time, no senior was chosen.

Beasley and Kevin Love of UCLA made it two straight years there were two freshmen chosen. Sophomore D.J. Augustin of Texas and junior Chris Douglas-Roberts of Memphis rounded out the selections, shutting out the seniors.

The AP started choosing All-America teams after the 1947-48 season, and for the next six decades there was at least one member of the senior class on every first team.

Until this group.

Hansbrough, a junior and the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, and Beasley, the Big 12 player of the year and third freshman to lead the country in rebounding, were named on all 72 ballots and received 360 points from the same national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. The voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

"To be one of just two players in the country to receive such an honor is very humbling," said Beasley, who led Kansas State to its first NCAA bid since 1996. "I have never been about individual accomplishments, but about helping my team win games. I wish we were still playing, but I am happy with the success we had this season."

The 6-foot-10 Beasley averaged 26.5 points and 12.4 rebounds for the Wildcats, shooting 53.5 percent from the field including 38.9 percent from 3-point range. He is Kansas State's first All-America since Bob Boozer in 1959.

Hansbrough, a second-team

TYLER HANSBROUGH, UNC



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MICHAEL BEASLEY, KSU



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D.J. AUGUSTIN, TEXAS



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AP ALL-AMERICANS: UNC forward Tyler Hansbrough and Kansas State forward Michael Beasley were named unanimous AP All-Americans yesterday. They were joined on the team by UCLA forward Kevin Love, Memphis guard Chris Douglas-Roberts and Texas guard D.J. Augustin. None of the five players are seniors and that marks the first time since the AP began choosing All-American teams back in 1947-48 season that there were no seniors named to the team.

selection last season, compiled impressive numbers (23.0 points, 10.4 rebounds) and lived up to his "Psycho T" nickname while leading the Tar Heels to a school-record 36 wins and their 17th Final Four. The last North Carolina player to be picked to the first team was Joseph Forte in 2001.

The 6-9 Hansbrough and Beasley joined Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's and Emeka Okafor of Connecticut in 2004, and J.J. Redick of Duke and Adam Morrison of Gonzaga in 2006 as unanimous tandems. Hansbrough said he knew his name and Beasley's were linked most of the season by fans and media.

"I think everybody wants to make comparisons about stats and things," Hansbrough said. "To me, I thought he was definitely in a different situation than here. ... He definitely had a good year and has had a lot of accomplishments."

The 6-foot Augustin was

named on 66 ballots and had 346 points. He directed the Longhorns to the regional final, averaging 19.8 points and 5.7 assists in 37.2 minutes. It is the second straight year a Texas player was on the first team as Kevin Durant and Ohio State's Greg Oden became just the third and fourth freshmen to be so honored since 1972.

"It shows if you come here and work hard, ready to learn, great things will happen," Augustin said.

The 6-10 Love led the Bruins to their third straight Final Four appearance, averaging a double-double in their tournament run after getting 17.1 points and 10.6 rebounds and shooting 55.7 percent in the regular season.

Love received 52 first-team votes and 318 points to become UCLA's second All-America in as many seasons as Arron Afflalo was chosen last year. Love said he followed Beasley closely this season.

"That's my guy. I've known

Mike since seventh grade. We played against each other so many times," Love said. "He's a great player. He had one hell of a year this year, and I think if he decides to leave he'll be the No. 1 pick in the draft."

Douglas-Roberts, the third member of the All-America team playing in the Final Four, had 52 first-team votes and 309 points. The 6-7 swingman averaged 17.2 points and 4.1 rebounds and shot 44.9 percent from 3-point range for the Tigers, who lost just one game this season and earned the school's second No. 1 ranking.

"It's an honor. I've put a lot of work in, over the summers, during the season and staying after practice just trying to improve. I feel now that I'm finally getting the recognition I deserve," said Douglas-Roberts. "Memphis' first All-America since Penny Hardaway in 1993. 'But I still say when people look at that All-American list, it's a motivation because I'm the one that people

know the least about."

Notre Dame sophomore center Luke Harangody was sixth in the voting with 211 points, and he was joined on the second team by seniors Shan Foster of Vanderbilt, D.J. White of Indiana and Roy Hibbert of Georgetown, and college basketball's newest star, Davidson sophomore guard Stephen Curry who led the Wildcats to the regional final by averaging 34.5 points in the NCAA tournament.

The third team was senior Chris Lofton of Tennessee, junior Darren Collison of UCLA, sophomore Brook Lopez of Stanford and freshmen Derrick

Rose of Memphis and Eric Gordon of Indiana.

Lofton was picked for the second team last season.

The preseason All-America team was Hansbrough, Lofton, Hibbert, Collison and Michigan State guard Drew Neitzel.

SECOND TEAM All-AMERICANS

Guard: Stephen Curry, Davidson
Guard: Shan Foster, Vanderbilt
Forward: Luke Harangody, Notre Dame
Forward: D.J. White, Indiana
Center: Roy Hibbert, Georgetown

THIRD TEAM All-AMERICANS

Guard: Chris Lofton, Tennessee
Guard: Darren Collison, UCLA
Guard: Derrick Rose, Memphis
Guard: Eric Gordon, Indiana
Forward: Brook Lopez, Stanford

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The White Sox threatened in the ninth as Jermaine Dye homered off Joe Borowski, last year's AL saves leader who once again had pulses racing before retiring Joe Crede on a foul pop to get the save for winner Rafael Betancourt.

The comeback didn't comfort losing's sting.

"There's no such thing as a moral victory," catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "To come back from 7-2 against C.C. is huge, but give them credit. They got the hits when they needed them and we didn't."

Consecutive, debatable went against the White Sox in the eighth, preventing them from going ahead.

Crede led off with a double but was held at third when he

had to check up on Juan Uribe's hard-hit double to left-center off Betancourt.

After an intentional walk, Orlando Cabrera bounced to shortstop Jhonny Peralta, whose high throw home for a force pulled catcher Kelly Shoppach off the plate. Shoppach, though, managed to tag Crede as he slid by.

At least that's the way Gerry Davis saw it.

"Nobody tagged me," Crede said. "I didn't feel anything. I went in and looked at the TV replay and he didn't tag me."

Thome then shattered his bat on a grounder to second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera, who flipped to Peralta. After stepping on the bag for one out, Peralta was making his throw to first when he was grabbed on the left leg by a sliding Orlando Cabrera, who was called out for interference.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen sprinted out of his dug-out for the second time in minutes to protest another call that didn't go Chicago's way.

"The umpire was right," Guillen said. "I went down and saw the replay."

Gutierrez and Grady Sizemore homered off Mark Buehrle, who didn't get out of the second and was disappointed with his first outing of '08.

"It doesn't get much more embarrassing for a starting pitcher than that," the left-hander said.

On their way to building a 7-2 lead, the Indians lost All-Star catcher Victor Martinez to a hamstring injury. Martinez, hurt in last year's home opener, came up limping while running to second in Cleveland's big inning, which he started with a base hit and ended with an RBI single.

Martinez was taken for an MRI exam following the game, and the Indians were hoping their best hitter wouldn't miss much time.

Notes: Thome was the first White Sox player to homer twice on opening day since Sammy Sosa in 1991. He has 41 career multihomer games. ... Guillen plans to hold a brief meeting before the opener of each series. It's something new, an idea borrowed from Atlanta's Bobby Cox, whom Guillen played two seasons for late in his career. The session will be used for scouting, strategy and more. "If I have something to say I'll say it, and it gives players a chance to speak up," Guillen said. "We're going to win and lose as a team." ... It was the earliest home opener in Cleveland history, and the Indians' first season opener at home since 2001.

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es this season, the Falcons swept the doubles point to take an early, 1-0, lead.

The duo of Christine Chiricosta and Kelsey Jakupcin got things started at the top flight where they won, 8-5.

The senior co-captain tandem of Nussbaum and Andrea Volle won, 8-4, at the second flight, while the duo of Katia Babina and Sam Kintzel won, 8-3, in third-flight action.

For the fifth time this season, BG swept all six singles matches. NIU (3-9, 1-3) opponents didn't win more than four games in any given set in five of the six matches, while the remaining one required a tiebreaker.

Jakupcin defeated NIU's Nao Umemura by identical 6-4 scores in first-flight action. Chiricosta, Babina and Kintzel all picked up straight-set wins at the second, third and fourth flights, respectively.

Nussbaum's fifth-flight match against Jenny Edner was the lone match to require a tiebreaker. After Nussbaum captured the opening set, 7-5, Edner came back to win the second set, 6-4, forcing a tiebreaker. But Nussbaum won the tiebreaker, 10-6, to take the win.

Rounding out the Falcon netters was Stefanie Menoff.

After being sidelined the week prior with an injury, Menoff came back strong, winning her match, 6-1, 6-4, against Dora Delgadillo in the sixth flight.

Next up for the Falcons is pre-

"It's a big weekend for us. [Buffalo's] definitely a strong team, but we seem to match up well against them. We took them to the wire last year and beat them the year before, but they'll battle in every spot."

Pennly Dean | BG coach

season MAC favorite Buffalo. "It's a big weekend for us," Dean said. "[Buffalo's] definitely a strong team, but we seem to match up well against them. We took them to the wire last year and beat them the year before, but they'll battle in every spot."

As long as the team plays with the intensity they've shown in the previous three matches, it can certainly beat the preseason MAC favorite.

"We know in any match we play, if we bring the intensity then we're going to play the best we can and that's all we can ask for," Nussbaum said.

The Falcons will face Buffalo (7-5, 2-1) on Friday before facing Akron (5-8, 0-3) on Saturday. Both matches are scheduled to start at 1 p.m. at BG's new tennis complex.

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from his Falcon teammates, however, made it impossible for the men to compete.

"We need to have a least two guys at the top. Russell played great this weekend, but the rest of us really let him down," Walker said.

Although, Walker, who is having a good spring, hasn't quite yet met the sky high standards he set for himself over his storied career, struggled in the first round, carding a 79. He improved in the second round, carding a 73, but still only managed to finish 43rd overall.

"I need to be at the top, trying to win tournaments, and I need to play a lot better for us to win and to do what we want to do," said Walker.

Winger said that Walker didn't have a bad weekend, and that it sometimes seems like he does only because so many great things are expected of him.

With only four tournaments left in his senior season however, Walker is still set on improving his game, making more puts, and competing for tournament wins. Eventually mother nature will let him and his teammates do just that.

SEVENTH

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Even though BG finished seventh in the meet, Guy did take the fifth spot in the all-around with a score of 38.600.

While the season is now over for most of the Falcons, Guy and Bernhardt get at least one more weekend of competition as they were both selected to compete in NCAA regionals April 11 in Baton Rouge, La. The two are the first Falcons to qualify for regionals in four years.

Another Ohio State vs. Florida matchup looming in NIT

By Dave Skretta
The Associated Press

"If you take the amount of players in the national championship last year that are now in NBA uniforms ... I'm not surprised where we're at."

Billy Donovan | Florida coach

NEW YORK — Ohio State had just lost three straight games in mid-January when Thad Matta got on the phone with Florida coach Billy Donovan, looking for some insight into how to handle a young team or some encouraging words from a close colleague.

So much for that.

"He started laughing and said, 'You think you've got problems?'" Matta recalled yesterday.

All of those freshmen and sophomores who replaced the star-studded cast of last year's national title game have grown up, though, and Florida and Ohio State are back in the final four — though nobody's mistaking the NIT for the NCAA tournament.

If the two-time defending national champion Gators can beat Massachusetts and the Buckeyes get past Mississippi in the NIT semifinals tonight, they'll play a rematch of last year's title game Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

"If you take the amount of players in the national championship last year that are now in NBA uniforms ... I'm not surprised where we're at," said Donovan, putting the postseason in perspective. "This is a path for our program and our team right now that we've got to go through."

It's not a path either team expected to take.

The youthful Gators started 18-3 and had everybody momentarily forgetting first-round picks Al Horford, Corey Brewer and Joakim Noah, and second-round selections Taurean Green and Chris Richard. And it's not what the

Buckeyes, without departed draft picks Greg Oden, Mike Conley Jr. and Daequan Cook, were expecting when they beat Michigan State in their regular-season finale.

But Florida wilted down the stretch and Ohio State fell to the Spartans in the Big Ten tournament, and for the first time since 1980 the two finalists from the previous year were left out of the NCAA field.

"It's not the national championship game, but it's still a tournament," said Buckeyes guard Jamar Butler, who scored 13 points when Ohio State beat Florida in December. "We had the mind-set coming in that we wanted to win this."

Ohio State (22-13) hasn't been tested in the NIT, coasting past UNC-Asheville, California and Dayton to reach New York.

The Gators (24-11), the first defending champions to miss the tournament since 1989, also have breezed through the bracket.

Easy home wins over San Diego State and Creighton set up a quarterfinal at Arizona State, where Florida shot a season-high 60.5 percent from the



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FINALS REWIND: The men's NIT coaches from left to right: Thad Matta, OSU; Andy Kennedy, Mississippi; Travis Ford, UMass; Billy Donovan, Florida. The Buckeyes and the Gators would stage a rematch of the 2007 National Championship game if Ohio State can get past Mississippi and Florida can get past UMass. The two NIT semi-final games will take place tonight at Madison Square Garden in New York with the championship game taking place on Thursday.

floor in toppling the top-seeded Sun Devils.

"We have a young team and we haven't played a lot together," Florida forward Dan Werner said. "We know that we might get a chance to play Ohio State, but right now we're just so focused on UMass."

Massachusetts (24-10) was among the last teams left hanging on Selection Sunday, but quickly regrouped to beat Stephen F. Austin in the NIT's opening round. The Minutemen then showed some perseverance behind coach Travis Ford, rallying from 12 down with 8 minutes left to beat Akron and 22 down with 14:34 left to beat Syracuse at the Carrier Dome.

One of the rising stars in coaching, Ford has returned Massachusetts to basketball's main stage by instilling similar values as Donovan did at Florida — fitting, of course, because Donovan was an assistant at Kentucky when Ford was leading the Wildcats to the 1993 Final Four.

"He's somebody who, if I had a bad day or coach (Rick) Pitino got on me, I could go talk to," Ford said of his relationship with Donovan. "Someone I respect, admire, look up to, all those things."

Their relationship was so tight that when Ford transferred from Missouri and had to sit out a year under NCAA

rules, he and Donovan played full-court games of one-on-one to stay in shape.

"He was such an incredible competitor," Ford said. "He was a great influence on me."

Ole Miss (24-10) reached the NIT semifinals by beating UC-Santa Barbara and fending off Nebraska in overtime, then going on the road to upset Virginia Tech.

"This is a tremendous experience for our kids," Rebels coach Andy Kennedy said. "I played in this event in 1989 and still have very fond memories of playing in the Garden and the experience it was, and I'm hopeful our guys are creating the same lasting memories."

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BREAKTHROUGH: Immunologist Steven L. Reiner has demonstrated how the immune system generates two types of sophisticated T-cells.

Making immune memories

U of Penn scientist's discovery of T-cells earns recognition

By Tom Avril
MCT

PHILADELPHIA — An intruder is inside your body.

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Luckily for you, the immune system determines just which one of its many weapons will best repel the intruder, and what's more, it "remembers" how to do the job even better, and faster, next time.

This phenomenon of immune memory has been recognized since at least the time of the ancient Greeks, yet no one could figure out how it worked.

Until Steven L. Reiner came along.

The University of Pennsylvania physician electrified his field last year by showing how the immune system generates two types of

sophisticated tools known as T-cells: one to fight invaders to the death, the other to remember the battle plan for the next time the same enemy shows up.

Reiner's finding, made with John Chang, Vikram Palanivel and colleagues, was named one of the top 10 breakthroughs of 2007 by the journal Science. Using mice, the team provided evidence that T-cells arise from a self-renewing process like that used by stem cells. Without it, we'd fight off a bug once, and the next time we'd be dead.

"It's an amazing system," Reiner marvels. "You do use these cells, but you don't deplete them. That's how we can live long lives with short-lived cells."

If all his team did was to illuminate the essence of a vital bodily defense mechanism — potentially leading to better vaccines — it would be big. But the research also may offer clues to two other

medical enigmas: how the array of different blood cells is created in the bone marrow, and how cancer stem cells generate the cells in a tumor.

Among fans of the research is Amy J. Wagers, a specialist in blood stem cells at the Joslin Diabetes Center and the Harvard Stem Cell Institute.

"It's beautiful science on its own, and it also has these far-reaching consequences in the field that I'm involved in," she says.

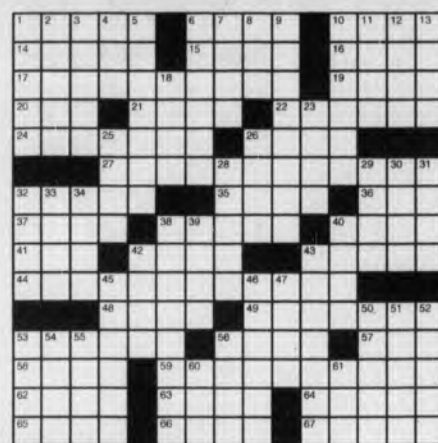
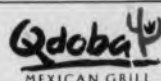
Growing up in Utica, N.Y., Reiner was good at all academic subjects, but he was especially fond of digging into a contentious topic. An outspoken teen, he was captain of his high school debate team.

As an undergraduate at Haverford College, Reiner majored in philosophy but also was interested in psychiatry.

Several close friends were going to med school. Reiner's mother and his grandfather were physicians.

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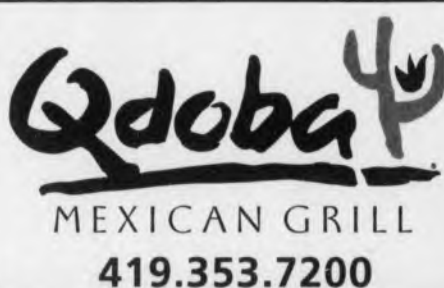


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 - 2 Famed violin maker
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 - 4 Moreover
 - 5 You and what army?
 - 6 King in "The Tempest"
 - 7 No more than
 - 8 Lend support
 - 9 Could succeed
 - 10 Ready-made
 - 11 Architect Saarinen
 - 12 On pins and needles
 - 13 Pirate's take
 - 18 Skid row bum
 - 23 Rugged vehicle
 - 25 Workplace watchdog org.
 - 26 Resting on
 - 28 Androcles' extraction
 - 29 On top of
 - 30 Queue
 - 31 Eye part
 - 32 Apple PC
 - 33 Woodworking channel
 - 34 Molecule part
 - 38 Pump intake stoppages
 - 39 Legal title
 - 40 Deck officer, briefly
 - 42 Beatles bassist
 - 43 Tight embrace
 - 45 Straw bed
 - 46 Luke's Jedi mentor
 - 47 Mamilla
 - 50 Very successful
 - 51 Author Lesage
 - 52 J. Paul
 - 53 Smile broadly
 - 54 Track event
 - 55 Author Rombauer
 - 58 First name in jeans
 - 60 So there!
 - 61 Rock producer
 - Brianzz

ACROSS

- 1 Indian rulers
- 6 Minor tender in India
- 10 Outer banana
- 14 Appliance brand
- 15 Skywalker's sister
- 16 Make over
- 17 Swap stories
- 19 Cogito-sum link
- 20 Meteor tail?
- 21 Trig function
- 22 Four-time Indy 500 winner
- 24 Repudiates
- 26 Between ports
- 27 Swap stories
- 32 Where the Salmon runs
- 35 Skirt ring
- 36 Hall-of-Famer Traynor
- 37 — Hari
- 38 Ratify
- 40 Old capital of West Germany
- 41 Fuss
- 42 Boater's walkway
- 43 Dog treats, often
- 44 Swap stories
- 48 " — Lang Syne"
- 49 Formless seat
- 53 S.O.S. rival
- 56 Fibber
- 57 Spanish cheer
- 58 Banjoist Scruggs
- 59 Swap stories
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